

**IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**SHERMAN DIVISION**

**DATE: 5/13/2025**

**CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE**  
**Amos L. Mazzant, III**

**COURT REPORTER: Chris Bickham**  
**COURTROOM DEPUTY: Keary Conrad**

United States of America	
v.	4:22CR162
Edward Walsh Vaughan (1) Hadi Akkad (2)	

<b>ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF</b>	<b>ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT</b>
AUSAs Anand Varadarajan, GR Jackson	John D. Cline, Joseph D. Brown, Samuel Ford (1) David B. Gerger, Heather Peterson, Jeff Kearney (2)
Movant: USA Bank, NA and Elavon, Inc.	

On this day, came the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings were held in Sherman, TX:

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MINUTES: Jury Trial - Day 1</b>
8:53 a.m.	Court in session. Court notes appearances.
8:58 a.m.	Court hears from John Cline regarding the Motion in Limine issue with the declination and the memo. Parties clarify.
9:03 a.m.	Jury seated.
9:04 a.m.	Court reads preliminary instructions to the jury.
9:14 a.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan begins opening statement.
9:41 a.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, John Cline begins opening statement.
10:03 a.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger begins opening statement.
10:30 a.m.	Jury excused.
10:31 a.m.	Rule invoked by Government.
10:31 a.m.	Court notes that exhibits from the previous trial are pre-admitted. AUSA Varadarajan advises the parties have agreed to the admission of Government Exhibits 164A, 164B, 165, 166, 167, 168A, 168B. No objection. Exhibits admitted.
10:32 a.m.	Court recess.

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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MINUTES: Jury Trial - Day 1</b>
10:48 a.m.	Jury seated. Court advises jury of pre-admitted exhibits.
10:50 a.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan calls Angela Gurley. Witness placed under oath. AUSA Varadarajan begins direct examination.
11:02 a.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibits 138A, 138B, 217, 142, 162A, 162B, 138B, 240, 128A, 128B, 129, 129B, 242,
12:09 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Joe Brown begins cross examination.
12:15 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Joe Brown refers witness to Defendant Exhibits 624, 11, 43, 90.
12:30 p.m.	Jury excused. Court recess for lunch.
1:39 p.m.	Court re-convened. Jury seated. Counsel Brown continues cross examination.
1:49 p.m.	Counsel Brown offers Defendant Exhibits 674, 675, 675A. No objection. Exhibits admitted.
2:03 p.m.	Counsel Brown refers witness to Defendant Exhibits 120, 320.
2:11 p.m.	Bench conference.
2:12 p.m.	Pass the witness. Hadi Akkad's counsel, Jeff Kearney begins cross examination.
2:22 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan re-direct examination.
2:31 p.m.	Witness released.
2:32 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan calls Daniel Sloan. Witness placed under oath. Counsel continues direct examination.
2:49 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibit 142.
2:49 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Joe Brown begins cross examination.
3:06 p.m.	Hadi Akkad's counsel, Jeff Kearney begins cross examination.
3:14 p.m.	Witness excused.
3:15 p.m.	Jury excused.
3:15 p.m.	Court recess.
3:31 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan calls FBI Special Agent, Jason Rennie. Witness placed under oath. Counsel Varadarajan begins direct examination.
3:44 p.m.	Bench conference.

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3:45 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan continues direct examination. AUSA Anand Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibit 120. AUSA Anand Varadarajan offers Government Exhibit 120A. Government withdraws Exhibit 120A.
4:05 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Exhibit 240, 138B.
4:20 p.m.	Bench conference.
4:22 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Exhibit 555, for demonstrative purposes.
4:23 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Exhibit 501, for demonstrative purposes.
4:25 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Exhibit 138A, 502 (for demonstrative purposes), 138B, 162B,
4:51 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan offers 272, 273, 274. No objection. Exhibits admitted.
4:56 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan offers 273A. No objection. Exhibit admitted.
4:59 p.m.	Jury released.
4:59 p.m.	Court hears from Counsel Cline regarding constructive amendment argument. Court indicates the Court's ruling will not change. Court advises Government counsel regarding summary witness.
5:02 p.m.	Court adjourned.

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